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September 17, 1996
case #: 96-130368

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Investigation Update

Hollywood Police Detectives are continuing to review evidence gathered yesterday at 2401 Van Buren Street, Apartment A in Hollywood after responding to that address in reference to a foul odor. Initial responding officers immediately identified the odor as that of a decomposing body, saw the body of Ricardo Lopez, 21, of that address, laying on the floor of the one room efficiency and secured the area for homicide detectives.

Detectives determined Lopez was dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head and began gathering evidence from the apartment as a matter of routine investigation. Among the evidence was an 8mm video camera mounted on a tripod and pointed at the body. Investigators also recovered 11 video tapes--one of which was in the video camera and labeled "Last Day - Ricardo Lopez."

Review of the videos not only revealed Lopez committing suicide with a .38 caliber revolver, but also depicted him meticulously constructing a chemical propelling destructive device.

Admittedly obsessed with alternative rock singer Bjork Gudmonsdottir, Lopez concealed the device in a hollowed book and mailed it to London, England. Apparently he designed the device with the intent of having it spray sulfuric acid on Gudmonsdottir upon opening it. This morning London law enforcement personnel located the package in a south London post office and conducted a controlled detonation without incident.

Detectives continue to investigate to ascertain if Lopez may have mailed other devices--although at this stage it appears his sole intent was to harm Gudmonsdottir.

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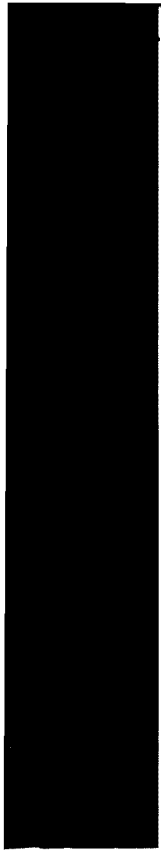

(1) STALKER
(2) NO Threats AGAINST FBI
(3) NO Terrorism Connection
(4) NO Explosive Found
(5) IDD
Ricardo Lopez DOB 1/14/75
2401 VAN BUREN ST APT A

POSTAL Inspector [redacted]

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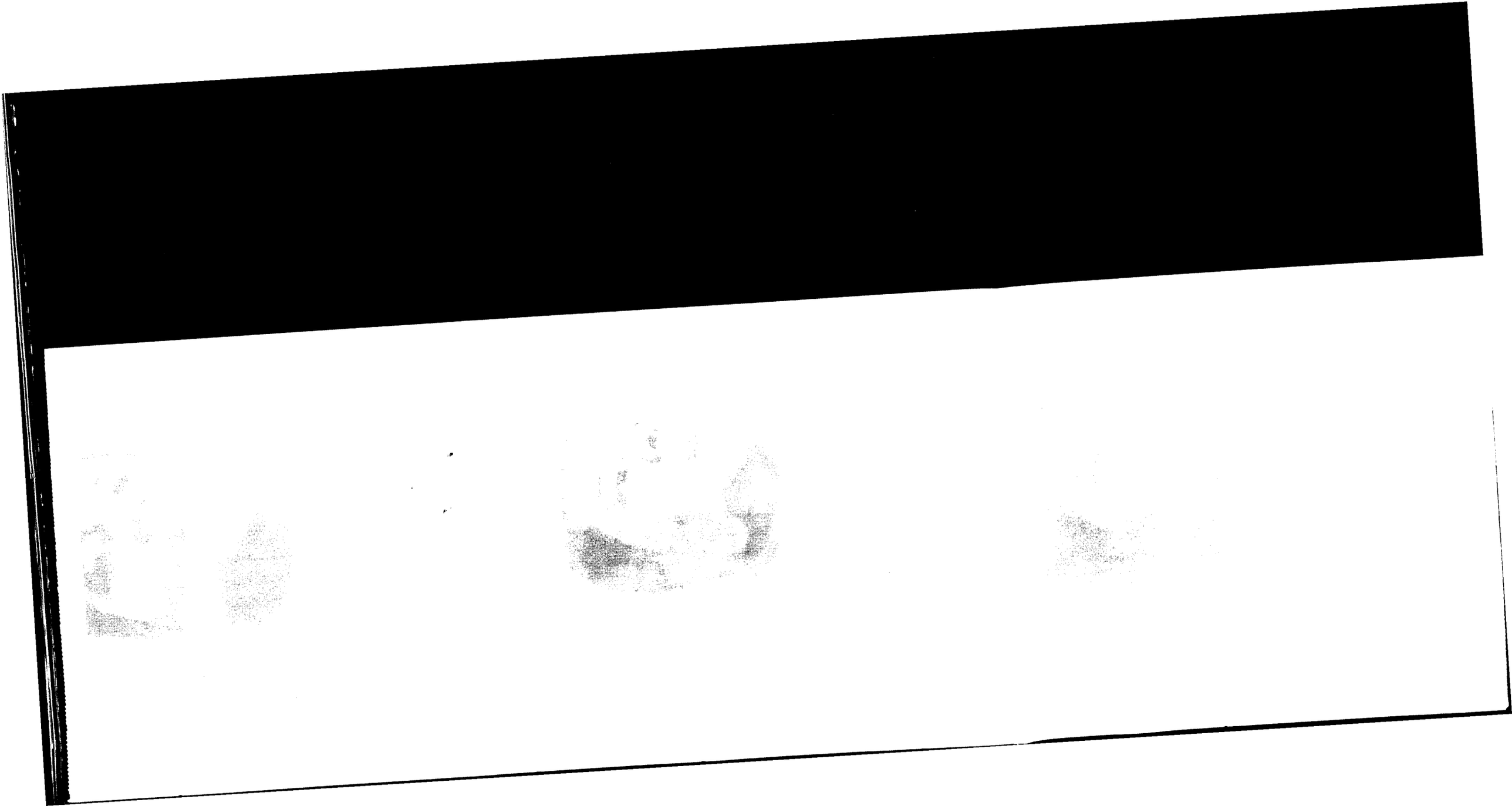
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